

THE  
LORDS AMBASSADOURS  
OF THE  
STATES GENERALL OF THE

*Netherlands*: Their Propositions unto the Honourable  
Houses of PARLIAMENT;

As they were in French presented unto the right Honourable the Lord Grey of Warke, &c.  
Speaker of the Lords House, and the right Worshipfull William Lenthall Esquire,  
Speaker of the House of Commons the fourteenth of this  
instant March, 1643.

SIR,

**I**T is neere two yeares agoe that our Lords the States Generall of the *United Provinces* of the *Netherlands* having understood of (to their great grieve) the Distractions of these Kingdomes, have ordained us their Ambassadors to goe and present their Interposition, to the end to mediate if it were possible betwixt the King and His Parliament.

The good hope our Lords were in, that matters might in time by homebred endeavours be brought to a better state and condition, made them to deferre our sending, which frustrated, and perceiving the Calamities of these Kingdomes to a very great, and perilous height, and to burst and breake out into open Warre.

Our Lords were forced to renew their care, and have qualified, and sent us unto this Kingdom, to propose an Accommodation, and offer therein their Intercession.

The King hath so much approved of, and agreed unto our Presentation, that it hath pleased His Majesty to declare, that our Interposition is most welcome unto him, and that he doth accept of it, and Condescend unto a Treaty.

And we doubt not if the most Noble and Honourable Lords and Commons of the Parliament (for reasons concerning the conservation of the true Religion, the good of the King and His Kingdomes, and so many Millions of People who otherwise by these nestie wars are exposed to all hazard and miseries, and their inevitable and utter ruine) will condescend unto a Conference and Treaty of Peace, unto which we shall present our Interposition and Mediation if acceptable, we doubt not (we say) but the great God of Peace and Concord, will give in short time a good and happy issue out of these troubles, and bloody Miseries.

Which happy issue to advance, we shall spare no sincere and most affectionate endeavours according to our Instructions, and that in such manner as may or can be expected from a State which is your very friend; And of such who in the same profession of the true Religion, and speciall Interests so neerely Confederate, esteeme, And that most rightly) the good and evill, the wel are an Calamity of this State and Kingdom, most sensibly to concerne them, and of which they cannot but be partakers.

Delivered by the Lords Ambassadors of the Lords the States Generall, to the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament at Westminster this 14 of March, 1643.

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